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SUBJ: REPORTED SALE OPPORTUNITY FOR US AIRCRAFT

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1. ACCORDING TO SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS, DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE TO PURCHASE NEW AIRCRAFT FOR AIR GABON INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTLY FROM BOEING AND CONTRACTS IN PROCESS OF BEING WORKED OUT. AIRCRAFT FOR INTERIM SERVICE BETWEEN EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM AIR AFRIQUE (NEXT JUNE 1) AND DELIVERY OF NEW BOEINGS IN SPRING OF 1978 WILL PRESUMABLY BE FURNISHED ON LEASE BASIS EITHER BY BOEING OR BY AIR FRANCE, PRINCIPAL TECHNICAL PARTNER FOR EXPANDED GABONESE AIRLINE.

2. IN VIEW THIS SITUATION, WE SUSPECT MR. NASR LIKELY TO BE SIMPLY ON FISHING EXPEDITION IN HOPES OF PROFITING FROM SITUATION FOLLOWING GOG DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM AIR AFRIQUE. IT SEEMS HIGHLY IMPROBABLY THAT HE HAS ANY GOG MANDATE, SINCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOEING HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE LAST JUNE. STEIGMAN

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